

PREVIEW OF THE SECOND COMING
REV. 1:7-8 / 3-28-18 / WED

I. FIRST, HOW IS JESUS COMING AGAIN?

- A. Verse 7 isn't a picture of the Rapture because that will be in secret. Instead this is a picture of a universally seen event, the Second Coming.
- B. How will Jesus come again?
1. First, he will come with the clouds—**v.7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”**
 - a. God led Israel in the wilderness in a cloud--Exo. 13:21-22.
 - b. God is portrayed as traveling in the clouds—Psa. 104:3.
 - c. Jesus ascended into heaven in a cloud—Acts 1:9.
 - d. Now Jesus returns in the same way that the angel predicted—Acts 1:10-11 and Daniel 7:13
 2. Second, he will come publicly—**v. 7 “...and “every eye will see him”...**
 3. Third, he will come in judgment—v.7.
 - a. First, it will mean judgment on the Jews who crucified him—**v.7 “even those who pierced him...” and Zech. 12:10:**
 - b. Second, it will mean judgment on the Gentiles who rejected him—v.7 “...and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
 4. Fourth, his coming will be an answer to prayer, not only John's but ours too—**v.7 “...So shall it be! Amen.”**

II. SECOND, WHO IS COMING AGAIN?

- A. This is a declaration of the deity of Jesus Christ.
- B. Jesus' divinity will be revealed in three ways on that day.
1. First, we will see his eternal nature—**v. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega...”**
 2. Second, we will see his divine nature—**v.8 “...says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come...”** and 1:4.

3. Third, we will see his power—v.8 “...the Almighty.”
 - a. The word “**almighty**” is used ten times in the New Testament and nine of those times are found in Revelation. The other time is 2 Corinthians 6:18).
 - b. This is a translation of the Hebrew word “**Shaddai**”. It’s used 40 times in the Old Testament and translated “All Powerful”.